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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

PAUL A. PRICE and JULIA S. JOHANSEN

Application No.: **09/164,862**

Filed: **10/01/1998**

For: **YKL-40 AS A MARKER AND
PROGNOSTIC INDICATOR FOR CANCERS**

Examiner: Lin Sun-Hoffman, Ph.D.

Art Unit: 1642

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **April 15, 2003** Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for **three** months;
- 2) Exhibit A: copy of <http://www.musc.edu/dc/icrebm/statisticalsignificance.html>).

Please amend the specification and claims as shown herein.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.